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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:


This paper is submitted in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed February 14, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested election between species I (Figure 2E) and species II (Figure 3E). Applicants assume that the Examiner may have meant species I to include Figures 2A-2F and species II to include Figures 3A-3F. At the same time, the Examiner conceded that claims 1-2 and 22 were generic.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Species I (Figure 2E). This election is made without traverse. Applicants believe that, at least, claims 1-3, 13-17, 22-24, and 28-31 all pertain to the elected species. Moreover, given the generic claims identified by the Examiner, Applicants believe that when any of the above-recited generic claims are found to be allowable, the claims associated with the non-elected species will be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

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If the Examiner requires any further information he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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